

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend paragraph [0024] at page 5 as follows:

[0024] As seen in Figure 4A, the contact pin 24 and the receptacles 26 may be arranged in a keyhole slot configuration so that a slight twist releasably locks the ballast in place on housing 28, and so that a slight twist in the opposite direction allows ballast 14 to be removed. The ballast input electrodes 24 include a shaft portion and a head portion, as shown in Figure 4A. When the ballast 14 is locked to the adapter 16, the head portions engage the receptacles 26 to prevent the ballast 14 from being separated (along a longitudinal direction) from the adapter 16. It will be appreciated that one advantage of this locking "bayonet" style connection between the pins 24 and receptacles 26 is that it allows greater weight to be supported by the ballast 14 with the lamp assembly 10 in an inverted position (that is, with the lamp 12 and ballast 14 positioned below the adapter 16). For example, if a lamp shade (not illustrated) or other component were connected to the ballast 14, the bayonet style connection would allow the ballast 14 to support the weight of the lamp shade while in an inverted position, while remaining firmly connected to the adapter 16. In contrast, a conventional straight contact pin received in a conventional straight receptacle would be less capable of supporting substantial weight in an inverted position.